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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method of indexing and retrieving user specified frames during recordation and playback of video images comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a hard copy representation of any user specifiable image frame during contemporaneous recordation ~~or playback~~ of video images, said hardcopy having an image and corresponding encoded frame location information for locating said image; and
- (b) retrieving said user specifiable image frame by using the hardcopy to access the image location by reading the encoded information.

Claim 2 (original). The method as in claim 1, wherein said providing step (a) includes the step of employing a video image capture device capable of recordation and playback of video images such as a video cassette recorder or a video disc.

Claim 3 (original). The method as in claim 1 wherein said providing step (a) includes the step of employing a printing device for providing a hardcopy representation of the user specifiable image that can

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serve as a quick access for locating a desired image as well as the location of the image.

Claim 4 (currently amended). The method as in claim 1 wherein said providing step (a) utilizes a bar code for locating ~~said~~ a pattern of intelligence on said encoded frame location information.

Claim 5 (original). The method as in claim 1 wherein said providing step (a) utilizes a magnetic stripe for digital data or sound recording.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The method as in claim 1 further including a storing step for storing said user specifiable image and corresponding encoded frame location information, said storing step occurring between ~~the provision~~ step (a) and ~~retrieval~~ step (b).

Claim 7 (original). The method as in claim 6 wherein the storing step provides a video album for physical storing of hardcopy representation of images.

Claim 8 (original). The method as in claim 1 wherein said retrieving step (b) provides employing a scanning device to locate quickly and automatically the location of said user-specifiable image frame to read said encoded frame location information and transmit said information to said video image playback device.

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Claim 9 (original). The method as in claim 3 wherein the printing device is a thermal image transfer device.

Claim 10 (currently amended). A method of retrieval of user specified frames during recordation and playback of video images by way of random access of a desired frame on a video disc comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing an index representation of any user specifiable image frame during contemporaneous recordation ~~or playback~~ of video images, said index having an image and corresponding encoded frame location information for locating said image;
- (b) providing a selected sequence of frames after reviewing and editing said desired frames;
- (c) converting said sequence into a digital form to write to a recordable digital video disc;
- (d) providing location identifying marks on the recordable digital video disc;
- (e) writing the location identifying marks on the header track of the disc to provide quick and easy access;
- (f) providing a hardcopy representation of any user specifiable image or said sequence of images so as to provide jacket cover for the video.

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Claim 11 (currently amended). The method as in claim 9 10, wherein said providing step (a) includes the step of employing a video image capture device capable of recordation and playback of video images such as a video cassette recorder or a digital video disc recorder.

Claim 12 (currently amended). The method as in claim 9 10 wherein the providing step (d) of hardcopy representation in step (d) includes the step of employing a printing device.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The method as in claim 9 10 wherein said encoded frame location information in step (a) can be in the form of a bar code.

Claim 14 (currently amended). The method as in claim 9 10 wherein said encoded frame location information in step (a) can be in the form of a magnetic stripe.

Claim 15 (currently amended). The method as in claim 9 10 wherein said hardcopy representation in step (d) can be obtained during recordation or playback of a video recording.

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Claim 16 (currently amended). The method as in claim ~~13~~ 12 wherein the printing device is a thermal image transfer device.

Claim 17 (currently amended). The method as in claim ~~9~~ 10 wherein the providing step (d) provides a single image.

Claim 18 (currently amended). The method as in claim ~~9~~ 10 wherein the jacket cover representation as in step (d) contains thumbnail representations of user specifiable image frames.